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SUBJECT: PRG OFFICE IN NEW DELHI

REF: A. SAIGON 1582 B. NEW DELHI 1291

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE CLEARLY TRYING TO PUSH THE INDIANS ON THE PRG ISSUE BY A SERIES OF "LEAKS". THE DRV AMBASSADOR'S REMARK (REF A) ON AN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW A PRG OFFICE IN NEW DELHI RELATES TO THE SAME ANNOUNCEMENT ON WHICH WE COMMENTED EARLIER (REF B). NOTHING ELSE IS NEW. THE INDIANS HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW THE OFFICE BUT DISCUSSIONS WERE STILL CONTINUING ON MODALITIES AS OF LAST WEEK WHEN WE MOST RECENTLY CHECKED. THE MEA OFFICIAL DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM SPECIFICALLY TOLD US AGAIN THAT THE PROJECTED OFFICE WOULD NOT BE EQUIVALENT TO A DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND NO DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE PRG IS INTENDED. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE POSSIBLE GRANT BY THE GOI OF ANY ATTRIBUTES OF SUCH A MISSION TO THE PRG OFFICE, SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO FLY A FLAG AND DIPLOMATIC LICENSE PLATES, HE DREW OUR ATTENTION TO THE 1961 VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND SAID THAT THE RIGHT TO FLY A FLAG COULD ONLY BE ACCORDED A DIPLOMATIC MISSION, HENCE NONE WOULD BE FLOWN AT THE PRG OFFICE.

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LIKEWISE THE OFFICE WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR CD PLATES. WE ARE

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